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Seniors Receive NMSQT Letters

Forty-one Shaker seniors will receive Letters of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation this year. These students obtained high scores on a test given last year.

A total of 28,700 students from all over the country have earned these letters of praise. Their names will be sent to their first and second-choice colleges along with a letter from the National Merit Corporation.

Students receiving Letters of Commendation and those earning Certificates of Merit (semi-finalists who verify their high scores on the SAT in December) comprise two per cent of the nation's secondary school seniors.

Those who have earned Letters of Commendation are Bonnie Baskin, Joan Bloomberg, Loree Bloomfield, Jeanne Brown, Harry Caplan, James Cleveland, James Colquhoun, Robert Douglas Howard Freedman, Nancy Freedman.

John Garber, Gerald Goldstein, Robert Gross, John Hitchcock, Robert Hopper, Howard Hopwood, Eric Johnson, Karen Keller, Kurt Kendis, Avery Klein, Allan Kohrman, Robert LaChance, Jonathan Lazarus, Jeanne Lowery, Frederica Mahlman, Christine McElwain.

Gilbert Mendelson, Frank Miller, Jane Pearson, Susan Piwonka, Bruce Ratner, Julian Rosenman, William Rosewater, Jacquelyn Sand, John Saveland, Eric Shaw, Jonathan Simon, James Simonson, Katherine Stone, Eleanore Wolpaw, Carl Yanoch.

Debate Team Ranks High Among Cleveland Schools

After three tournaments in the Greater Cleveland Speech League, the Shaker Debate Team has an impressive first-year record of 42 wins and 24 losses. From among the approximately twenty teams that debated, this record puts Shaker among the top teams in this area.

Six of Shaker's two-man teams have won first place ribbons in competition. They are: Ted Einstein and Allen Mintzer; Ralph Levy and Jay Starkoff; Mark Sholander and Jeff Woolf; Jim Simonson and Carol Andrews; Joel Shook and Tim Walter; and Dick Bloomfield and Steve Schwartz.

N. C. Davis, the faculty sponsor of the Debate Club remarked, "This fine showing of the Debate Team is the result of hard work and the help of many teachers who have judged and criticized the practice debates."

The fourteen debating teams are in their first year of organized competition, yet they have already compiled enough wins against their opponents that, they hope, they are eligible for admission to the Ohio State Speech League. This ambition, if realized, will put the Raider debaters in state-wide competition. Mr. Davis and his debaters will then be eligible for national competition and the opportunity to establish the team as formidable foes.



The queen and her court consisted of: top left, Micki Lych; top right, Carla Schoen; lower left, Laurie Richardson; and lower right, DeeDee Burton. The queen, reigning supreme, is JoAnna Comella.

Shaker Hosts Eight Schools In Tenth Annual Conference

Many strange faces filled the halls on Thursday, November 8. The cause of this was the tenth annual Lake Erie League Student Council Conference, which was held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Each of the eight L.E.L. schools sent five delegates to the conference. The delegates from Shaker were Jim Inglis, Marc Glassman, Susie Weisberger, Patty Richards, and Abby Lodish.

The purpose of the conference was to discuss the problems of the various student councils and to exchange ideas about how these problems should be solved.

The program began with registration, followed by a general session, in which Jim Inglis wel-

comed the delegates and explained the procedure and purposes of the conference.

The delegates then observed a meeting of Shaker's Student Council in the large auditorium, followed by an evaluation of the meeting. Most of the delegates were very impressed with our Student Council.

After lunch, the delegates attended various discussion groups, where they discussed such problems as the Student Council's relationship with the student body and the school administration, the Student Council's support of the athletic program, and financial problems.

The program was concluded with a final session in the small auditorium, in which the delegates were invited to attend next year's conference.

Choristers Laud Holiday Season

Giving thanks through songs and readings, the A Cappella Choir will perform in a Thanksgiving Day assembly today. The A Cappella group, the Concert Choir, and the Chanticleers will also sing on several occasions within the coming months.

In today's assembly the A Cappella Choir will sing five songs. Choir members will also read the Thanksgiving proclamations of various presidents, from the Common Book of Prayer, and from the Union Prayerbook.

Especially busy during the holiday season, the A Cappella choir will also sing at the lighting at Shaker Square on November 30 at 7:30 p.m., at Plymouth Church on December 11, and at Shaker's Alumni Concert on December 21.

Queen Jo Anna Reigns At Gala Football Dance

Jo Anna Comella reigned with her courtiers, Dee Dee Burton, Micki Lych, Laurie Richardson, and Carla Schoen at the annual Foot Ball, held Saturday evening, November 10, at 8:30 p.m. in the girls' gym.

The highlight of the dance was the crowning of the queen followed by student entertainment. Jim Horsburgh, president of Social Council, introduced the court and their escorts, Les Minihan, Dennis Beeson, Larry Lukasik, Rick Hyde, and Bob Gross, respectively. A trio of Liz Grobsmith, Jon Kent, and Jeff Lowell then sang.

The members of the court, traditionally dressed in red, white, or any combination of the two, were selected by the participants of all fall sports: tennis, cross country, and football, from a number of girls first elected by the entire school.

The profits of the dance, which was sponsored by Miss Marion Thomas and the cheerleaders, go to the Social Council fund. Shaker Peppers worked on the decorations. Hal Lynn's band provided the music for dancing.

1959 Grad Joins Phi Beta Kappa

James M. Friedman, a member of Shaker's Class of 1959, and presently a senior at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, was recently inducted into the Dartmouth chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, a national honor society.

Friedman, who lives at 20650 Fairmount Boulevard, was one of only 18 members of his Class of 1963 to enter the society as a junior, having maintained at 4.7 scholastic average and ranking seventh in a class of nearly 700 men.

At Dartmouth, he is a government honors major. He is the recipient of an Alfred Sloan National Scholarship and has been designated as a Rufus Choate Scholar, Dartmouth's highest scholastic honor.

Christmas Welfare Drive To Begin in Homerooms

During the week of December 3-7 Shakerites will have an opportunity to make the holiday season more enjoyable for families in the slum areas of Cleveland's East Side. Gifts of money, clothing, food, and toys will be collected in individual homerooms for these families.

Participation in the drive, as in the past, will be by homerooms. Each homeroom will decide whether it wishes to take part in the program and what it will collect. Each homeroom's contribution will be given to a

single family in the city.

The Christmas Family Division of the County Welfare Bureau chooses the families according to their needs. The families which the Bureau chooses are ones which have no other aid at Christmas time.

Non-Contact Families

After the homeroom has chosen a goal, it will receive a brief description of the family it is helping out. Unless the gift is not cash, the Bureau will handle all the arrangements with the needy family. Many of the people who receive aid do not wish to have actual contact with the people who have given it.

In the case of gifts of food or toys, however, the homeroom must take the responsibility for contacting and delivering the gifts, since the Welfare Bureau does not have facilities for doing this.

This year, Welfare Committee Chairman Jeanne Brown, reports that the drive will be handled like the United Appeal. A bulletin board in the main hall will show the progress of each homeroom which elects to adopt a family for Christmas.

Jeanne has suggested that each homeroom make its contribution monetary not only because this type of gift can be handled more easily but also because it can fulfill the family's needs better.

A.F.S. Selects Four Candidates For Possible Journeys Overseas

With a ring of a telephone four lucky Shakerites learned that they are in serious contention to be sent overseas for eight weeks this summer as American Field Service representatives of Shaker Heights. An A.F.S. advisor called the four semi-finalists: Joyce Newman, Alan Farkas, Jeff Chokel, and Bill Kahl, on October 22.

They were chosen from 23 applicants on the basis of their preliminary applications and personal interviews with an AFS panel consisting of Mrs. Betty Lenhart, Mrs. Olga MacMahon, Mrs. Marge Leukart, Mrs. Jane Schlesinger, Miss Marion Thomas, Mrs. Sarah Brammer, Allen Grigsby, and Kathy Stone.

Hectic Two Weeks

The disclosure marked the beginning of a hectic two weeks for the semi-finalists, rushing to complete their final applications before November 1. A doctor's check-up and an interview at home between the applicant's family and two members of the panel was arranged. Photographs were taken and an extensive personal statement was

written by each student dealing with his interests, his family, and his summer activities.

The final applications along with recommendations from parents, teachers, and the panel were sent to New York for the final decision, which will not come until May. A family overseas must be found to fit the semi-finalist's personality.

Changes Take Place

The American Field Service, an outgrowth of the American Ambulance Corps of the First World War, has only been a part of the Shaker Heights High School extra-curricular opportunities since 1960. At first, students could be sent overseas for eight weeks in the summer, or, if they wished, they could spend a school semester abroad.

Library Policies

The student who wishes to spend part of his lunch period doing library work faces several problems, especially if his reference work will only take a short time.

One rule states that once one enters the library, he must stay there until the end of the period. But another rule states that if a student does assignments unrelated to library work, he will be asked to leave.

As the dismissed student departs from the library, he notices the "Library Full" sign on the door. He thinks this is strange because he has just left the room and knows that this is not the case.

Just then, some other unsuspecting student dares to approach the portals of our school library. He wishes only to get a book or find the name of a college admissions director. Entrance is denied to him simply because the librarians will not take the time to find out what he is seeking.

Obviously this policy needs revision. The new library has the space and the facilities to accommodate most of the students who wish to work there. Efficient use of the space would solve at least some of the problems.

The library should remain open to students during the lunch periods. The person who wants to spend only a few minutes there should be allowed to leave. To make sure that students from study halls do not leave, a system of signing in and out could be devised.

Students should be required to have specific work to do in the library, but should be allowed either to leave or to do other work when they have finished that assignment. This policy would avoid much friction between the students and the librarians.

New Faculty Members Adjusting To Surroundings of School Life



These sixteen men and women joined the Shaker teaching staff this fall. They are (from left to right) in row 1: Miss Jean Rohrbach, Mrs. Jean Brattin, Miss Barbara Barclay, Miss Marlon Thomas, Mrs. Jeanette Eckman, Mrs. Nola Kiser, Mrs. Eileen Smyser; in row 2: Mr. Emil Sarpa, Mr. John Barner, Mr. Donald Scherer, Mr. Fred Brown, Mr. Robert Hanson, Mr. Robert Mohny, Mr. Hilliard Dell, Mr. Albert Beal, Mr. John O'Rourke.

Each school year a sea of new faces inundates Shaker High School. Among these, bewildered sophomores and new faculty members are prominent.

However, these new staff members are not "new" for long—two days in a Shaker classroom is usually enough to age them considerably.

The faculty members come from colleges, universities, and teaching posts all over the United States. They are alumni of such schools as Wellesley College, Muskingum College, Michigan State University, University of California, and Wooster College.

The new faculty members have been busy attending dinners and meetings in their after-school hours. On September 13, they heard a lecture on the English curriculum. Then, on September 27, they traveled to Lomond School to hear a lecture on social studies. After school October 11, they attended a lecture on the mathematics curriculum at Ludlow school.

After school October 28, they attended a lecture on the Science curriculum. On October 15, the Parent Teacher Association, headed by Mrs. A. E. Greenfield, held a dinner for all new staff members and their husbands at Heights Christian Church.

Mr. Hanson of the English department, who has previously taught English at a high school in Coronado, California, noting some differences between California students and Shakerites said, "Shaker students seem more highly motivated and have a greater wish to succeed. Of course Shakerites also have to wear shoes—in California students were allowed to attend classes wearing thongs. I can also remember the day when a boy came to class in a diving suit complete with fins and snorkel."

All in all, the teachers' transition to the new system seems to have taken place smoothly.

Unique Numbers Racket Threatens Civilization

By Susie Weinberger

The recent decision of the Telephone Company to replace letters by numbers threatens to devour those of us who are not mathematically oriented. The reason given for this move is that there are not enough letters to go around.

In spite of the resulting strain on our gray matter, this may yet prove to be a good thing. There is an increasing tendency to use combinations of letters to abbreviate more and more. Witness, the NMSQT, the ITED, SAT, PSAT, the ACT, the OGST, the CEEB, to name a few. Educators, ever on the alert to make language meaningful to young students, are no longer teaching the alphabet. In the framework of learning by doing, they teach children letters by daily drill in the above combinations. This not only helps prepare the children to prepare for preparing for college but also helps beat the Russians who cannot follow our

meaning. They are still trying to catch up with NATO, OAS, NASA, CIA, FBI, NEOTA and SNAFU.

Despite the passing of Yellowstone, Skyline, and Wyoming from the national scene and their replacement by the cold numbers 932, 752, and 991, this move is felt to be a progressive one in general. There is no doubt that national organizations, government bureaus and college preparatory tests need every letter they can get.

There are now rumors circulating to the effect that a new organization is being formed which will make use of any of the free floating letters still around. The proposed name for the group is the SCLDOBTC (Society for the Conservation of Letters Deleted by the Ohio Bell Telephone Company). Anyone who can pronounce its name correctly is entitled to a CM (charter membership) and it is suggested that such a person join at the earliest opportunity.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I think it speaks well for Shaker students when such tremendous response is shown to intramurals as was shown in the recent football campaign. True school spirit and avid interest were demonstrated by those who participated.

Almost 200 boys were involved in intramural football and I am sure the ensuing basketball campaign will be equally as successful. To all those who went out for this activity I offer my sincere praise for games well-played and fully enjoyed.

If even more students showed an interest in this particular branch of high school sports and the coaches treated it with more seriousness, I am sure intramurals would attract more participants who now do little more than cut gym, and it could become something that spectators might enjoy.

Sincerely,
Dennis Roarty

Around the Town

'Rhinoceros,' Harlem Globe Trotters Provide Thanksgiving Entertainment

By Diane Diamond

Tired of all that Thanksgiving turkey? Studying more but enjoying it less? The simple solution is to switch to something more diversified—Cleveland's entertainment. The extended Thanksgiving weekend will enable every Shakerite to enjoy some cultural activities.

The legitimate theaters are presenting a variety of productions over the holidays. "Rhinoceros," a humorous play in which the last man on earth hasn't the slightest idea how he will survive in a world for rhinoceroses only, is at the Playhouse. The "Miracle Worker," the moving story of Helen Keller, is being performed at the Euclid-77th Theatre. Karamu actors are presenting "Paint Your Wagon" and "Waiting for Godot."

Sport fans will have their opportunity to cheer at the wrestling matches and hockey games which will be in Cleveland's Arena this weekend. On November 26, the famous Harlem Globe Trotters will dribble into town.

Why not see "Phaedra," a violent drama which stars Melina Mercouri and Anthony Perkins, playing at the Heights Art? Interested in aviation? — The Plain Dealer is sponsoring an Air Space Show at the Public Hall.

Cleveland offers high school students many types of entertainment—why don't you do something different this weekend?

Rockets Launched at Shaker By Enthusiastic Engineers

By Fred Berger

"Secure stations! Secure stations!" A dry, monotonous voice familiar to all fills the room as booths resembling rocket capsules are filled.

"Occupy assigned seating positions and stand by for further instructions. . . . All stations secured?"

"Check," answer 20 eager voices in unison.

"Examine compartments carefully for any impurities," the voice continues. "Remove all obstructions from instrument panels and windshields. Store all articles necessary for today's drill in the compartment below the instrument panel."

"Check," repeat the voices in a more constrained tone.

"Remove earphones from upper left of booth divider wall and adjust to head size. Put on earphone sets and adjust volume switch A in far left corner of panel."

"Now lower microphone in far right corner of instrument panel

and adjust it to a position approximately three inches from mouth. Lift switch B on microphone to uppermost position."

"Check," answer the participants in a tone of increasing anxiety.

The earphones transmit the stern, stiff voice to those who eagerly await its message. Will today be the day all have long awaited, the day of the final test when America's space program a step further?

NO. For this is not NASA's Astronaut Training Center where prospective American space leaders are screened, but a language laboratory in Shaker High School. A sophomore class of foreign language students has just completed preparations for its first weekly lab session.

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President Speaks

Improvement
Is Predicted
For Council

By Jim Inglis

"Do your representatives always pay attention that well in Student Councils?" After the Student Council meeting on December 8, this was the first question asked by a delegate to the tenth annual L.E.L. Student Council Conference here at Shaker.

This question amazed me somewhat. I had to answer the truth; generally they do. As the conference continued throughout the rest of the day I discovered that what is no particular problem for our Council is a terrible problem for some of the other L.E.L. Student Councils.

Representatives in some councils pay no attention at all, talk, do homework, eat lunch, or participate in some other similar diversion.

Also, some have the problem of no one participating in meetings, or those who do monopolizing discussion completely with useless and unimportant remarks.

One Student Council faculty adviser, after observing our Student Council meeting, said, in effect, that our representatives, when speaking, knew what they were talking about, stated their ideas clearly and succinctly and then sat down. This comment also amazed me.

What all the above points out is that Student Council, like motion, is relative. Councils are different and have different problems. To some advisers and delegates used to a weak, inefficient Council, ours seemed like heaven.

Because I am somewhat of an idealist, I see much room for improvement. And although at the Conference my point of view was broadened and I see that we do already have a good Council, I still see that room for improvement.

Let's be thankful that we can start our improvement with a fairly good Council. But we cannot stop there with so much potential and so many possibilities available.



Marion Thomas, Shaker's Halloween witch, is about to capture a 'Black Witch,' the Snack Bar's special Halloween concoction.

Social Council Plans
Events for Coming Year

Have you had a Sludge yet? Approximately 450 Shakerites have. Thanks to the Sludge, the Social Council is beginning to erase the debt incurred by the Snack Bar last year.

Aiding the Sludge in this noble effort are the usual sundae, pop, and potato chips, not to mention various student bands, which volunteer to play each Tuesday.

The Paperback Book Store is another Social Council project which is succeeding in paying off last year's debts. Located in the library, the bookstore now has many new titles, and more are arriving every week. The Paperback Book Store has had so far about three times as many cus-

tomers as last year.

Heartened by the success of the Snack Bar and the Paperback Book Store, the Social Council has high hopes for the other events they have planned for this year. A Trim-the-Tree Party will be held after school on December 14, followed by the Christmas Dance on December 15.

Looking ahead to next semester, the Social Council has scheduled a WHK Radio Wonders basketball game for March.

Congresswoman Bolton
Blasts Commie Threat

Shaker was honored with a visit from Congresswoman Francis P. Bolton on Monday, November 5. Mrs. Bolton, representative from the 23rd district, spoke at a meeting of the Junior Council on World Affairs.

Mrs. Bolton's talk covered many topics, beginning with the Foreign Relations Committee, of which she is a member. She told of her experiences in Africa in 1955, where she spent three months gathering information for the State Department. At this time, Africa had not emerged as a political power, but Mrs. Bolton feels that Africa is becoming increasingly important in world affairs.

Threat of Communism

Mrs. Bolton did not attempt to

explain the intricacies of Communism, but she did say that it is necessary to fight Communism and keep it from spreading to the Western Hemisphere. She also recommended a book which, she said, gives a clear view of Communist thinking.

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Salaam

The Shakerite would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you humor column fans, particularly those of you who took a few seconds out of your day to trouble us with your sloppy, incoherent messages of disapproval. As your punishment, we are giving you a humor column! We hope your laughter gives you a stomach cramp and your tears of joy make your mascara run.

Football Recollections

Q. Why is it that Larry Lukasik throws better passes in the halls than on the field?

A. Better receivers.

Dokes: "I hear your son is on Shaker's football team."

What position does he play?"

Jones: "I think he's one of the drawbacks."

Simpletonianism

Hobo—a road's scholar.

Hangover—Where Dartmouth is located.

Girl—give her an inch and she'll make a dress.

Faith—quality that enables you to eat blackberry jam on a picnic without looking to see if the seeds move.

United Appeal—an organization that puts all its begs in one ask it.

Automobile—great moral force which has completely stopped horse stealing.

A limerick packs laughs anatomical

Into space that is quite economical.

But the good ones I've seen,

So seldom are clean,

And the clean ones so seldom are comical.

College Capers

A college student, home for his summer vacation, was asked by his mother: "Did you pass everything?"

"No," the academician replied. "Some of those foreign jobs are too souped up."

Overheard: "What colleges are you applying to?"

"Why?"

"Maybe we're applying to the same places."

"Where are you applying?"

"You tell me where you're applying and I'll see if we're

applying to the same places."

ETC.

OMEGA

A friend of mine once advised me that the surest way to have a successful humor column was to leave the readers with a line that will have them rolling in the aisles, so . . .

"Someone just dropped a quarter!"

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Raiders Tie Heights Tigers; Patriots First L.E.L. Victims

On muddy Hosford field the Red Raider Football team ended the 1962-63 season by tying Cleveland Heights, 14-14. Larry Lukasik's scoring passes were offset by Ron Silver's two scoring bursts. The Sannamen snared their first L.E.L. victory on November 10 by beating Valley Forge by a score of 14-8.

Shaker's first score was set up by Don Longnecker, who blocked a punt on the Valley Forge 34-yard line. The scoring play came soon afterward, on a pass from quarterback Larry Lukasik to Rick Krumlauf. Lukasik added the two extra points unassisted.

After a steady drive down the field in the last quarter, Alan Ippolito's aerial to Rick Hyde brought the Raiders six more points and a victory.

The win over Valley Forge came after two disappointing losses to two other L.E.L. foes, Brush and Parma. At Brush, on Thursday night, November 1, the Raiders held victory in their hands for most of the game. But a tough goal line stand and a sparkling 96-yard run by Arc halfback Jack Cormier turned the tables and left Brush the winners, 16-14.

Only four days later, the Parma game, rescheduled be-



TIME FOR...

cause of rain, was played in the mud at Byers Field in Parma. The powerful Redmen were stopped most of the game by a tough Shaker defense, but they managed two touchdowns and won, 12-0.

Secundus

by Mike Liff

Tonight, the Shaker basketball team takes the court against Orange High School in its first game of the 1962-63 season. This team, unlike past Shaker teams, will not play control basketball. A few weeks ago Coach Heinlen announced that this year Shaker would play a fast-breaking, running offense.

This is, perhaps, what the team has needed these past years. Shaker is not noted for having overpowering height on its basketball teams. In hopes of making up for that height deficiency, Shaker played a control-the-ball, slowed-down type of game. The Raiders have won some big games but in recent years have not even come close to challenging the league powers.

This season Shaker has three lettermen returning from last year's varsity. Lettermen Jerry Goetz, Larry Lukasik, and Captain Jim Inglis will be the nucleus of Shaker's new attack.

How well our basketball team will do this season should not be determined from its performance tonight. Lukasik and the other members of the football team going out for basketball had only four days to practice with the team before tonight's game.

Raider Dribblers Under Way; Varsity Five to Battle Lions

The Shaker Red Raider basketball team has been practicing in earnest and is ready for its season opener against the Orange High Lions tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the new boys' gym.

Fred Heinlen, coach of the varsity, reports that his team will play faster, looser basketball throughout this season's 18-game schedule rather than the slow, control-type game of last year.

The JayVee cagers, under Coach Ed Stoch, will use their perennially effective fast break offense and pressing defense to make up in speed what they lack in height.

This season's varsity has more height than in recent years and this should give them a sturdier defense. In addition, the team should have a better offense with returning lettermen Jerry Goetz,



...A CHANGE

Larry Lukasik, and Jim Inglis, this year's captain, along with Bob Gross and several promising juniors.

Swimmers Win; Greenfield Stars

On Monday, October 22, Fred Weed's Swimmers downed Jim Wilkoff's Blue Devils, 18-6, to take possession of the much sought-after intramural touch football championship.

Both teams, wearing specially prepared uniforms, went all out to win this contest which terminated a tournament originally consisting of 18 teams.

The Blue Devils struck quickly, scoring in the first play from scrimmage as Bruce Ratner made a fine catch of a Skipper Weiss aerial to complete a 35-yard pass play. A Blue Devil pass interception set up another scoring opportunity soon afterward, but an offside penalty nullified a 15-yard touchdown run by Dick Weiss.

From this point on the Swimmers were not to be denied, and shortly before the half they broke onto the scoreboard with a 15-yard pass from Weed to Jim Eisenberg (the only wrestler on the Swimmers). They scored again after intermission on a Weed aerial to John Haber, and when they took over the ball a few moments later, the outcome of the game appeared to have been decided.

An interception by Dick Fredricks gave the Blue Devils another chance, but the rugged Swimmer defense managed to stop the threat with an interception by Harry Greenfield. Greenfield put the game on ice on the very next play with a 40-yard scamper around right end for the third Swimmer touchdown.

Lettermen, Sophs Bolster Swimming Title Prospects

With eight returning lettermen and several talented sophomores, Shaker's swimming team, led by newly-elected captain Jim Orr, promises to be a major contender for the L.E.L. swimming championship and possibly the state title.

The team's power lies in the free style and butterfly events, where speed and depth predict many 1-2 finishes. In the first time trials of the season, junior Ken LaVetter posted a :52.7 seconds clocking in the 100-yard freestyle, unofficially bettering the existing school record.

Kurt Kendis and John Marshall turned in fine 1:01.6 and 1:01.7 timings respectively in the 100-yard butterfly, and Fred Weed finished a close third.

Helping LaVetter to make the freestyle races Shaker's strongest event are Kendis, Dave Herkner, Harry Greenfield, and sophomores Rennie Crane, Tom Marshall, and Pete Snedecor. These sophomores, along with Bob Haas, show much potential for this year as well as those in the future.

Divers Dan Hanna and Dave Furth are expected to hold their own in their event, as are breaststrokes Andy Whitelaw, John Marshall, and Crane.

The one event which does not look strong is the backstroke. Orr, Jon Haber, and Haas failed to make the times which were expected of them in the first trials, but it is hoped that this was caused by lack of conditioning and holds no threat of spoiling the season.

Shaker will open its schedule with four home meets, meeting Kent State first on December 5 and L.E.L. rival Lakewood on December 7.

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